IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Albaugh et al. Group Art Unit: 3696

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System for Metering in an On- § Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030683US1 **Demand Utility Environment**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary. I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

In response to the Final Office Action of November 25, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.